

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8 (c) (2), (3), (10), (19), and (20) and 14, 20, and 20j of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Establishment Act”), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c) (2), (3), (10), (19), and (20), 50-313, 50-319 and 50-329 (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapter 10 (Public Vehicles for Hire), Chapter 12 (Luxury Class Services – Owners, Operators and Vehicles) and Chapter 99 (Definitions) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles-for-Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This proposed rulemaking would: (1) authorize the Office of Taxicabs to issue provisional licenses to applicants seeking new DCTC operator’s licenses for luxury class service (LCS), in order to expedite the licensing process for this public vehicle-for-hire service, which includes black cars and limousines, and (2) require that all applicants seeking new DCTC operator’s licenses successfully complete disability sensitivity training prior to being licensed. This proposed rulemaking would also add new necessary definitions to Chapter 99.

The Commission also hereby gives notice of the intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice of proposed rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*. Directions for submitting comments may be found at the end of this notice.

Chapter 10, PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR is amended as follows:

Section 1001, ELIGIBILITY FOR HACKER’S LICENSE, is amended as follows:

A new subsection 1001.17 is added to read as follows:

1001.17 The Office shall not issue a new or renewal DCTC operator’s license to an applicant who has not successfully completed disability sensitivity training.

A new Section 1008, is added to read as follows:

1008 PROVISIONAL LUXURY CLASS SERVICE OPERATOR’S LICENSE

1008.1 The Office may issue a provisional DCTC operator’s luxury class service license (provisional LCS operator’s license) consistent with the requirements of § 1209 and pursuant to an administrative issuance.

Chapter 12, LUXURY CLASS SERVICES – OWNERS, OPERATORS AND VEHICLES

Section 1209, LICENSING OF LCS VEHICLE OPERATORS – ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, is amended as follows:

New subsections 1209.5 and 1209.6 are added to read as follows:

- 1209.5 The Office may issue a provisional DCTC operator’s luxury class service license (provisional LCS operator’s license) pursuant to an administrative issuance provided that each applicant:
- (a) Meets the requirements of §§ 1205 and 1207;
 - (b) Submits an application pursuant to § 1206;
 - (c) Completes the training and education requirements of § 1208; and
 - (d) Complies with such additional terms and conditions for provisional licensing as may be set forth in the administrative issuance, including requirements related to:
 - (1) Passenger, operator, and public safety;
 - (2) Consumer protection; and
 - (3) Any other purpose within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 1209.6 The total application fees for a provisional LCS operator’s license, including fees for fingerprinting and testing, shall not exceed the total fees for a full (non-provisional) DCTC operator’s license.

Chapter 99, DEFINITIONS, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR is amended as follows:

Section 9901, DEFINITIONS, is amended as follows:

Subsection 9900.1 amended to add the following:

“Provisional DCTC luxury class service operator’s license” – a DCTC operator’s license issued to an operator of a luxury class service vehicle which, following its issuance, may be subject to additional requirements or conditions, including the completion of a background check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, prior to full licensing consistent with the requirements of this title and other applicable laws.

“Provisional LCS operator’s license” – a provisional DCTC luxury class service operator’s license as defined in this section.

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at www.dcregs.dc.gov or by contacting the Secretary to the Commission, District of Columbia Taxicab

Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, D.C. 20020. All persons desiring to file comments on the proposed rulemaking action should submit written comments via e-mail to dctc@dc.gov or by mail to the DC Taxicab Commission, 2235 Shannon Place, S.E., Suite 3001, Washington, DC 20020, Attn: Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.